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SUBJECT: FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM FOR AFRICA

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FROM US DEL FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE AFRICA

1. MOST DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATED DISCUSSION SUBJECT ITEM. IT WAS CLEAR THAT INCREASE IN FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE REGION NECESSARY BEFORE RESERVE STOCKS COULD BE REALITY. WHILE MOST DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FOOD AID RECEIVED, THEY ALSO STRONGLY STRESSED THEIR ACCEPTANCE THAT SELF SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD PRODUCTION ON REGIONAL BASIS IF NOT ON NATIONAL BASIS WAS ESSENTIAL. NUMBER OF COUNTRIES SEEMED OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR ABILITY TO OBTAIN FINANCING FOR STORAGE FACILITIES, PERHAPS OVERLY SO.
2. MANY DELEGATIONS POINTED OUT THAT STRATEGIC RESERVES SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO CEREALS BUT SHOULD INCLUDE OTHER STAPLE FOODS PRODUCED IN AFRICA SUCH AS YAMS, CASSAVA AND BEANS AT THE SAME TIME RECOGNIZING THIS WOULD INVOLVE PROCESSING.
3. THERE WAS STRONG ENDORSEMENT TO FOOD SECURITY PROPOSAL HOWEVER THERE WAS RESISTANCE, POSSIBLY FOR INTERNAL REASONS, TO PROPOSED SURVEY BY FAO OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.
4. A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WERE CONCERNED ABOUT TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF STORAGE OF GRAINS AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS UNDER HUMID TROPICAL

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CONDITIONS AND INDICATED URGENT NEED RESEARCH THIS AREA.

5. WITH REGARD TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, FAO SECRETARIAT (DIRECTOR

FAO/ECA JOINT DIVISION) ASKED DELEGATES TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED ANALYSIS OF FOOD PRODUCTION FOR AFRICA AND ASKED COUNTRIES TO ADVISE ON HOW STUDY SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN. THE QUESTION WAS SHOULD COUNTRY POLICIES BE TAKEN AS GIVEN OR SHOULD ANALYSIS INDICATE APPROPRIATE POLICIES. THIS WAS REFERRED TO AS WFC, FAO ECA STUDY. DELEGATES WERE EMPHATIC IN NOT COMMENTING BECAUSE OF LACK OF DOCUMENTATION. MANHARD

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